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Building Boom
Continues

The Elba building boom continues, new residences either in course of construction or previously built made to start building all over town and in the country round about. Some of them are:

Walter Nelson is completing an attractive home on the Brantley Road. A. L. Martin is preparing to start the construction of a new home on a lot adjoining his mother's home, the old J. J. Farris place, on the Brantley Road.

L. English is planning to start construction soon on a modern home on the old Elba hillside place on the Elba-Spartan highway. The attractive new home of R. L. Martin at the East end of Simmons Street is rapidly nearing completion. These are only a few of the many new homes being built in Elba's building boom which is helping to relieve the local housing shortage and is adding materially to the city's population.

Plant started on the mound and got through the first two inches of soil. He spent the previous week in Baldwin and Escambia Counties and said the Baldwin potato crop, which was unusually good this year, was nearing the end of the harvesting and should be harvested. Prices were very good and the growers were well satisfied. The old corn was looking fine. It has been very dry in that section, but last Friday's rain was very beneficial.

Moody Reports

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First Cotton Bloom

Chief of Police O. F. Lightner brought the first cotton bloom to the Elba Clipper Office last Friday. He said he has 30 acres of real good cotton on his farm in the Bradshaw community and the first bloom is a little earlier this year than the average. Charley Dowdell, one of the country's better colored farmers, is responsible for the fine cotton crop on the Lightner farm.

Mr. Lightner has one of the best farms in County and he is generally among the first to bring in cotton blooms.

Rains Catfish

J. D. Edmonson is authority for the following story. He said Will Hardy who lives on his place North of Elba, had been pumping water from a well for his stock on account of the dry weather. He set a tub out and after the first rain, Friday, the water in the tub was up to the half of the second, schedule after which the second half will start with the teams playing the first half schedule in reverse.

Overheated

While working on the roof of the Western Associate store at the Northwest corner of the public square Monday afternoon Fenton Clark became overheated and when dinner time came around, he later, he collapsed and had to be lowered to the ground on a stretcher, furnished by Bonneau-Jeter funeral home. His father, W. C. Clark said Tuesday morning that Fenton was much improved but was still suffering from his stomach.

Foster W. M. Sproles, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the congregation which filled the Methodist Church, audience, the large congregation was highly impressed by the sermon and when dinner time came around, he later, he collapsed and had to be lowered to the ground on a stretcher, furnished by Bonneau-Jeter funeral home. His father, W. C. Clark said Tuesday morning that Fenton was much improved but was still suffering from his stomach.

Miss Peggy Folsom, student at the Alabama Medical College in Birmingham, died Saturday night. She had as her guests Miss Frances McClain, Miss Doris Sturges, Mr. Billy Mongeon, Mr. Albert Copeland and Mr. Thrwell Nolen, all students in the medical school. After dinner dinner with Mrs. Folsom, the party left for Panama City, Fla., for the weekend. They were chaperoned by Miss Sturges' aunt, Mrs. Rogers' trio.

Two other Elba boys, John Brundage and Alton (Red) Lewis, have chosen to go to the University of Florida this fall. Both are now successful preachers and new Gene Fuller gives promise of making himself a third member of an Elba preacher.

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Shady Grove Singers and

lovers of good singing are invited to come to Shady Grove 8 miles above Elba on the Elba-Troy Highway to our annual

Concerts. Come Line next

Sunday on the CCCL diamond.

White:

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper R. Wilson, Enterprise, boy.

Colored:

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie T. Jones, Enterprise, Route 2, boy; Aris and Lee Edging, Samson, Route 1, boy; Pearle and John Lewis, Enterprise, girl; Cora and Burt Baldwin, Enterprise, Route 1, girl; Lessie and Homer McGee, Zion Chapel, girl; Mrs. M. Glass, Mrs. and Mr. C. C. Lee, Enterprise, Route 1, boy.

Members of the victorious

highway patrol team were:

John T. Arnett, Birmingham, 284;

John M. Jones, Jasper, 273; H. B. Moody, 269; and Claude Lee, Birmingham, 254. All scores were

made out of a possible 300.

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Vote Selling

Dirty rumors always accompany an election but yesterday they grew from rumors into full-sized clamors. We don't know that votes were bought but we have been told that they were by several people.

A person who sells a vote commits a self-punishing crime. For a usually small amount he harnesses himself with poor government and mismanagement of county affairs for four years. Unfortunately he sades the rest of us with the same inefficiency.

It is hardly believable that people today could stoop low enough to sell a right that is bought and preserved for him by blood of his countrymen and ancestors for centuries. A man who enters into such an agreement is not just selling his vote. He is giving up completely his self-respect and his rights of citizenship. He doesn't part with just his right for good government but betrays a sacred duty to every other person living in his county. He steals from them their right to a prosperous and progressive community. Would it be better if he had chosen to have gotten his forty dollars at the point of a gun. He could still be called a man; by selling a vote he becomes a sneak unworthy of living with decent people.

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Fishing

Fishing has been unusually good around Elba this year. Some people are inclined to think this was caused by favorable weather conditions. Others fully realize that it is due to the fact that the wood have been so full of game warden that people couldn't get a net or stick of dynamite into the water. Thanks to Mr. Bert Thomas and the Department of Conservation for saving some of our fishes for those of us who still like to pull 'em in on a hook and line.

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Songs Of Cheer And Comfort

The farmer had as much help harvesting all his crops as he does his catalpa crop, his troubles would be over.

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We have just received several varieties of new type styles that will add to the appearance of your printed forms.

Give us a trial on your next printing order.

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Presidential Hopefuls

Within the past few months practically every prominent Democrat has been mentioned as a presidential candidate. Public interest, however, has not centered on any one of them for any period of time. Possibly Elshewer is the only one who could have made the grade but he has disengaged all efforts to get him elected. Political observers now pretty well agree that Truman will be the Democratic nominee with or without a Southern revolt.

In this case the Democratic National Convention will be a joke. If Truman has strength enough to win the nomination he has strength enough to write the platform. Southern delegates will have about as much say-so in the convention as a hen-pecked husband at a bridge party and their taking a walk won't be necessary. Their presence won't be noticed anyway.

Drinking And Driving

The State Highway Patrol in a recent statement pointed out that the "wrong-side" or person who drives on the wrong side of the road is responsible for most of the accidents in our state. Second in the line of causes is the drinking drive. "Spree-drinkers" of accidents reveal that 45 per cent of the persons involved in accidents are under the influence of alcohol to some extent. Tests have proven that the drinking driver is 55 times more likely to have an accident than the non-drinking driver.

The prophecy was read through a porohole with the use of a telescope and was sent from the ship's log and the gaffioner found the logs in an old treasure chest on the ship.

Strange as it may seem, it is not the "dog-drunk" driver who gives the trouble; it is the driver who "just had a couple of shots". The drunk is easily spotted and picked up. Often he realizes he is drunk and slows down and pulls over to the side of the road when meeting a car.

The driver who just had a couple of shots, on the other hand, feels like they can lick the world and are willing to take chances. Alcohol in such sparse quantities as not to cause a noticeable change in behavior affect the eyesight and the reasoning power. The boosted ego, derived from a couple of drinks makes a person feel superior in driving or other activities and usually leads to his error.

An urgent request from the Highway Patrol is: If you must drink, stay at home or let someone else do the driving.

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Dozier Roberts claims that all he needs to produce a good rain is an election day. If he fixes up a nice board on which he can tabulate returns, rain begins to fall, scattering the crowd and making it hard to keep the board in readable shape.

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It is the leather that's the place to go. It's as good as new.

Commencement At New Hope Junior High School

Commencement exercises were held in the auditorium of the New Hope Junior High School Thursday evening with the principal presenting certificates of promotion to the students finishing both the sixth grade and Junior High School.

Proceeding the graduation exercises, Rev. Huay Zilgar conducted devotional exercises.

The stage setting, though the inside of a ship, was a scene of beauty in its color scheme of blues and greens. The ship's pool, which could be seen in the blue sky, Around the ship's edge were billowy waves effected by the use of white crepe paper and blue balloons. The furnishings and fixtures of the ship were all duated by Mrs. Jimmie Prestwood at her home at Boston.

Games were enjoyed until a late hour when classmates said their last goodbyes to each other.

Presentation of class key and colors to Junior II class, Lamar Richardson; Acceptance of class key and colors, Carolyn Ellis; Sweetheart of the class, Sam Diskin; Miss Valedictorian, Mrs. Hattie Lee Gilfordian, Mrs. M. Wilson.

Mrs. Jimmie Prestwood directed the commencement program.

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